



Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes (CVNA)

May 16 , 2007

President Beavers called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Willie Vinson and Vice President Anne Wilson were excused from the meeting and Mary Bechtol, Area 2 Representative, took the minutes. Board members Thelma Dempsey and Michael Morofsky and Mary Bechtol were introduced. Forty- two members and guests were in attendance including City Council Members Carol Wood and Bill Matt; Ingham County Commissioners Dale Copedge and Vic tor Celentino; Gregg Scrimger, Code Compliance Officer, and A'Lynne Robinson of the Lewton/Rich Neighborhood Association .

Council member Carol Wood presented Mary Bechtol with a Resolution—acknowledging her retirement from the Michigan Building Trades Council after forty-two years.

Lansing Police Department Report Officer Whitsett distributed the crime map and reported that it has been very quiet in our area but with the summer approaching it might get busier. There was a discussion on the number of police who patrol the neighborhood . Officer Whitsett suggested that everyone lock their cars at all times.

Newly appointed Council Member Bill Matt introduced himself and gave us some of his background. Mr. Matt's telephone number is 517-410-1826.

Program

Craig Whitford of the Historical Society gave a slide show on the history of Lansing that was very interesting. He had more to show but due to time restrictions he has agreed to come back to another meeting to complete his presentation.

Minutes

The minutes of the April 17 meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Thelma Dempsey presented the monthly report. The current balance is 560.67.

President's Report

President Beavers said the traffic circles and boulevard areas need volunteers to weed and plant flowers. She would also be happy to receive donations for the purchase of mulch and flats of annuals. President Beavers said she can be contacted by calling 517-882-0015.

She announced the dates of the Garage Sale (June 16) and the Annual Picnic (August 7). The Obstacle Course has been rented for the children.

CVNA still need volunteers to help welcome new neighbors.

President Beavers stated that many members have served on the Board for several years and others should consider joining the Board, and help to keep the Neighborhood Association going.

Area Representatives Reports

Mike Morofsky reported that he is working with Gregg Scrimger on code issues and fixing a broken bench at the Elmhurst School. Mike also stated that he will be running again as the Area 1 Representative . He said he loves the neighborhood and wants to keep it at the level it is at.

Mary Bechtol stated that things were quiet in Area 2.

Ingham County Commission

Vic Celentino reported that he has been very busy working on the County's Budget. He also asked that people go to the county website or call him at 321-7020 or the County office at 676-7200 if anyone would like to get involved in the County government through an appointment to a County board.

The Potter Park Zoo will become a County operation effective July 1.

Lansing City Mayor's Office

Carol Wood reported that the Council and the Mayor were working on the budget. There was a discussion on the poor conditions of the Parks and Cemeteries. Ms. Wood distributed cards on the possible closing of Fire Department Number 3. She noted that the CSO work is tying up the downtown

She discussed the survey cards that were sent out last year regarding the restoration of the parkways and will try to resolve that issue with the neighborhood. As a side note she said that she is running for re-election to the City Council and she would like to discuss her reelection plans after the meeting.

Old Business/New Business (No old business)

A'Lynne Robinson of the Lewton/Rich Neighborhood Association announced their next meeting on May 16. She also stated that she is a candidate for the 3rd Ward City Council seat.

Gregg Scrimger reported that there are 3 tagged houses. Two are on Woodbine. He also discussed those houses that are not being mowed and that letters have been sent to the owners.

Dennis Meerson, Manager of the L & L Food Center, reported on the new lighting that has been installed for the parking lot.

Karen Charlie reported that the Southwest Business Association is taking pride in the south side and is working to promote south side businesses.

Craig Young stated that the Unitarian Church is donating perennial daisies if anyone is interested in them.

There was a discussion on the alley behind l & L and the trash that is located there and the fact there the mowing is not being done. Gregg said he would look into that along with some other complaints that the association members had.

Janet Anderson spoke on the non profit theater groups in Lansing and how important they were. She had tickets for the plays and silent auction they will be having.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.